

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK
RARE BIRD RECORDS
DECEMBER, 1999 - FEBRUARY, 2000

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The warm and dry conditions that prevailed through the fall continued through the winter season. One good rainfall at Christmas, that fell only at Panther Junction, and a light snowfall in early February provided the entire precipitation total for the winter. Precipitation totals for the three month period as compared to the same period last year (+/-): Panther Junction: 0.71" (+0.56"). Chisos Basin: 0.69" (+0.42"). Rio Grande Village: 0.30" (+0.30"). Castolon: 0.43" (+0.39"). Persimmon Gap: 0.52" (+0.47"). From this data, relative to the same time period last year, it appears we are sitting a little bit better this year, but looking back to this past rain season when the normal late summer/early fall rains didn't happen, we are talking essentially no significant rain since late July.

With the dry conditions, the lack of any major cold fronts pushing down, and a poor seed/fruit crop, things were pretty quiet in the area, particularly with regard to wintering sparrow populations. The unusually early rains of June and July sparked an early grass seed set that was depleted by fall, leaving only the exotic Johnson grass as the primary seed producer for the winter. Wintering sparrows simply moved on to someplace else. The most significant winter sparrow observation came from the Johnson grass flats along the Harte Ranch road on 1/10 when ornithology researcher Melissa Powell saw a Harris's sparrow in a flock of white-crowns.

One possible result of the warmer than usual temperatures was the presence of several species not normally found here in the winter. An example was a female **rufous hummingbird** that arrived at Panther Junction on 12/23 and stayed through 01/20, providing the first winter record for this species in the park. Other first winter records included a **tri-colored heron** at Rio Grande Village on 1/27, a **burrowing owl** on the Tornillo Flat on 12/10, and a **hooded oriole** at Panther Junction on 12/12. A rare winter **Northern parula** was present at Cottonwood Campground from 12/22 until at least 1/16. For the third year in a row a pair of **green kingfishers** were present at the Rio Grande Village Nature trail from 7/11/99 through the end of February. They should be departing soon and I suspect they are nesting somewhere along the river in proximity to the park. There are no breeding records for this species in the park.

There is much talk and prediction of an early spring arrival this year. I quit trying to predict what would happen at spring a long time ago, but just to keep things interesting consider this; elf owls were reported in the Castolon area on February 7, more than two weeks ahead of Wauer's earliest record. Just for a little more fuel, I had two male Lucifer hummingbirds in my yard on March 2, a full 16 days earlier than last year. Whenever the migrants start pushing, it will be a good spring.

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Great egret	1	02/22	Hot Springs	Jim Hines	early
Tri-colored Heron	1	01/27	RGV-Nature Trail	F&B Heyman	?win
Turkey vulture	1	12/13	Rte 13, mp 6.	Bernie Heyman	rare
<i>Chen spp</i> goose	1	12/03	Santa Elena Xing	Greg Levandoski	acc.
	1	12/12	1 mi. downstream from Gravel Pit	Raymond Skiles	acc.
Redhead	1m	02/27	River-BarkerHouse	Greg Levandoski	rare
Bald eagle**	2imm	12/22	Grapevine Hills	Preston Powell	?win
** Unconfirmed					
Zone-tailed Hawk	1	02/25	Rio Grande Vill.	Forrest Rowland	early
Rough-legged hawk	1	12/17	Green Gulch	Sue&Richard Block	acc.
Merlin	1f	12/12	RGV-Group Camp.	B.Heyman, G.Fox	rare
	1f	12/29*	RGV-Group Camp	Mark Flippo	rare
*Christmas Count					
Prairie falcon	1	12/23	Grapevine Hills	Roy Powell	rare
Wild turkey	1f	12/12	Maverick Road	Shields	rare
	1	02/29	Dugout Wells	Gene Wenzel	rare
Gambel's quail	14	01/07	River mile 902 (West boundary)	Marcos Paredes	acc.
Virginia rail	1	12/12	RGV-Nature Trail	F&B Heyman	rare
	1	12/15	RGV-Nature Trail	Lela Tinstman	rare
Greater Yellowlegs	1	02/08	Hot Springs	Dale Ohl	early
American woodcock**	1	01/24	Rio Grande Vill.	Doug Burl	?win
**Unconfirmed					

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Gull spp.	12	12/03	Santa Elena Xing	Greg Levandoski	?win
Elf owl	2*	02/10	Rte 16, mp 4	Jim Bogue	early
* Early arrival date: Per Wauer earliest date was 2/24/94.					
Burrowing owl	1	12/10	Rte 11, mp 20-21	Greg Levandoski	?win
Long-eared owl	1	02/29	Downstream of Santa Elena Xing	Kathy Hambly	rare
Anna's hummingbird	1m*	12/01-23	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	rare
	1m	12/28	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	rare
Rufous hummingbird	1f	12/23-31	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	?win
	1f	01/01-20	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	?win
Green kingfisher	2m&f	12/01-31	RGV-Nature Trail	many observers	rare
	2m&f	01/01-31	RGV-Nature Trail	many observers	rare
	2m&f	02/01-29	RGV-Nature Trail	many observers	rare
Williamson's sapsucker	1m	12/31	Boot Springs	Chris Merkord	spo.
Gray flycatcher	1	12/29*	RGV-Daniels Rch	Chris Merkord	rare
*Christmas Count					
Ash-throated flycatcher	1	02/13	Cottonwood Camp.	Mark Flippo	spo.
Blue-headed vireo	1m	12/22	Cottonwood Camp	Mark Flippo	rare
	1m	01/08	Cottonwood camp.	Durrell Kapan	rare
Cave swallow	2	02/13	Santa Elena Cyn.	Mark Flippo	acc.
Brown creeper	1	01/11	Boot Canyon	Greg Levandoski	spo.
Carolina wren	2	01/27	RGV-Nature trail	Mark Flippo	rare
Gray catbird	1	01/21	Persimmon Gap	M&J Walz	acc.
Mountain bluebird	1m	12/06	Ross Maxwell SD	Greg Levandoski	spo.
Sage thrasher	1	02/20	River Road East	Melissa Powell	spo.

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Northern Parula	1	12/22	Cottonwood Camp	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	01/16	Cottonwood Camp.	G.W. Foster	rare
Townsend's warbler	1	01/11	Boot Canyon	Greg Levandoski	spo.
Sage sparrow	1	02/16	Rte 11, mp20-21	Melissa Powell	spo.
	1	02/16	Harte Ranch Rd	Melissa Powell	spo.
Lark bunting	7	12/10	Chisos Basin	Bernie Heyman	spo.
	3	12/28	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	spo.
	2	01/23	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	spo.
	1m	02/16	Rte 13, mp8-9	Melissa Powell	spo.
	4	02/17	Rte 13, mp8-9	Melissa Powell	spo.
Fox sparrow	1	01/06	Sam Nail Ranch	Greg Levandoski	spo.
	1	02/26	Sam Nail Ranch	Forrest Rowland or ?spring	spo.
Harris's sparrow	1	01/10	Harte Ranch rd.	Melissa Powell	acc.
Blue grosbeak	1	01/05	Green Gulch	Merlien Wilder	acc.
Hooded Oriole	1m	12/12	Panther Junction	Tom Vandenberg	?win

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Warmer than average temperatures and continued drought again mark another spring season in the Big Bend. With the last significant rainfall having occurred in July 1999, the area is extremely dry. Year to date precipitation as compared to ytd totals through May 1999 (+ or -) is as follows: Panther Junction; 1.14 " (-0.22"), Chisos Basin; 1.07" (-0.26"), Rio Grande Village; 0.45" (-2.10"), Castolon; 0.99" (-1.35"), and Persimmon Gap; 0.76" (-0.65"). The Rio Grande all but disappeared this spring and most of the oaks in the Chisos Mountains defoliated completely by March. Most springs throughout the park have dried up and the Boot Canyon drainage in the Chisos is completely dry. The spring bloom, with the exception of the ocotillos, essentially didn't happen this year. With this scenario one could have predicted an earlier and perhaps quicker migration, but as always, other factors came into play.

One favorable consequence of the preceding warmer than average winter season and its absence of killing freezes was the survival of over-wintering insect larvae, particularly moths. Beginning in mid-May there was an explosion of moths and both migrant and resident species gorged on this abundant food source. As an example, a male **Black-throated blue warbler** was present in the interior courtyard at the Panther Junction Headquarters for four days in May. This very tame individual could be easily observed as it spent hours picking moths from windows and doorways, even entering offices in pursuit of the insects. The sudden and ready availability of this food source beginning in mid-May may have had an impact on the duration of the migration. Usually the migration begins to tail off around mid-May, but this year continued strongly right up to the end of the month.

Another factor that probably influenced the migration this year was the lightning caused ignitions of a series of wildland fires in the Sierra del Carmen mountains in Mexico, just southeast of the park and in the Glass Mountains to the north. These fires began in mid-April and continued into early May, obscuring the skies with smoke and perhaps pushing some unusual species our way, especially those species of a more easterly distribution, including yellow-throated vireo, sedge wren, gray-cheeked thrush, blue-winged warbler, Tennessee warbler, tropical parula, Magnolia warbler, prothonotary warbler, and Kentucky warbler.

Harder to explain was a reported **rufous-capped warbler** in the Green Gulch (slopes below Lost Mine Peak) on 5/01 (Ro Wauer), and two separate reports of a **red-faced warbler** in Pine Canyon on the 2nd. Both of these birds drew many people to search but unfortunately there were no other confirming reports. In contrast, a pair of **dusky-capped flycatchers** was well documented along the Laguna Meadow trail beginning April 29, and included an intriguing report from Nicholas Block of possible nesting activity. The latter has yet to be confirmed.

Other highlights for the spring include a nesting common black-hawk at Rio Grande Village. This is the fifth year in a row that black-hawks have returned to the same grove at Rio Grande Village. As last year, we cordoned off an area around the tree soon after the hawks began building the new nest. Beginning May 24 an adult hawk was observed on the ground below the nest for three consecutive days. On the 26th I finally went in to investigate and found a downy chick, not more than a week out of the egg, on the ground. The chick had fallen from the nest some fifty feet with no apparent harm, and had been protected by the adult day and night for at least the three day period. We utilized a bucket truck and climbing gear to return the chick to the nest. In spite of concern that too much disturbance had occurred, at last report both adults had returned to the nest and were observed carrying food to the nest.

There has been only one report of Tropical kingbird from Cottonwood this year. Lasley and Lockwood looked for tropicals while here with their VENT trip but were unable to find any.

Researcher Mark Peck returned this year to perform a two week survey (May 23 - June 5) of Black-capped vireo in the park. He located a total of 15 birds (8 males, 7 females) and 4 nests. Of the four nests, two held brown-headed cowbird eggs, one was apparently abandoned, and the last held four vireo eggs. Peck noted that while cowbird numbers did not seem any higher, they were noted in all survey areas, including those where they have not been previously observed (Pine and Juniper Canyons). We speculated that with the extreme drought conditions, many birds are not nesting and the cowbirds are going farther afield to find nests.

Peregrine falcons were monitored through the season, and will continue to be watched until fledging is completed. At this point there are six known eyries and one more possible (compared to 6 last year) and all appear to have nestlings. For the second year in a row, there appears to be no activity along the southeast rim of the Chisos, but an older site between Toll Mountain and Casa Grande is occupied.

Ro Wauer and a group of volunteer counters performed a Colima warbler census May 18 -20. A total of 68 territories were documented, the same as in 1996 when the last census was performed. This year the lower elevation, middle Green Gulch area that was occupied by Colimas in 1996 held far fewer birds, the greater number being found in the more traditional areas higher up. It was noted by observers that Colima males for the most part were not singing, and those that were performed abbreviated songs. This could be an indication that food supplies are insufficient to bring the males into full breeding condition. Many single birds were observed and this year more observations have come in of individuals well below the expected elevation range, including an individual Colima down near the bottom of the Window Trail.

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Neotropic Cormorant	1	4/17	Santa Elena Cyn.	Ted Levin	acc.
Least bittern	1	5/14	RGV-Nature Trail	Kelly Bryan	rare
Little blue heron	1	4/17	Terlingua Creek	Sarah Bourbon	acc.
Tri-colored heron	1	4/27	RGV-Nature Trail	Carol Tashjian	rare
Black-crowned Night-heron	2	3/06	RGV-Nature Trail	Gary Locker	rare
	1	3/12	Rio Grande Boquillas Cyn	Bruce Christman	rare
	1	3/22	RGV-Nature Trail	Carol Harris	rare
	2	4/06	RGV-Nature Trail	Jessica Erickson	rare
	1im	4/21	RGV-Nature trail	P.Abbott,M.Reid	rare
	4	4/26	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	rare
Greater White-Fronted goose	1	4/29	Cottonwood Camp.	Mark Flippo	acc.
Snow Goose	50	3/08	Over Toll Mt.	Greg Levandoski	rare
Redhead	1	2/29	Barker House(Rio)	Greg Levandoski	?spr
Gray hawk	1imm	3/08	RGV-Gambusia pond	Ken Hackman	unc.
	1	3/24	Cottonwood Camp.	Greg Levandoski	unc.
	1*	3/30-31	Cottonwood Camp.	Beth Bardwell	unc.
	1	4/04	Cottonwood Camp.	Mark Flippo	unc.
	1	4/04	Cottonwood Camp.	Sarah Bourbon	unc.
	1	4/16	2mi W. of Lajitas	B&S Bourbon	unc
	1	4/21	Cottonwood Camp.	Dale Ohl	unc.
	1	4/21	Rio Grande Vill.	P.Abbott,M.Reid	unc.
	1	4/22	Cottonwood Camp.	Richard Webster	unc.
	1**	4/28-29	Santa Elena Xing	Mark Flippo	unc.

*Carrying nesting material
**At last year's nest site.

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Common black-hawk	1	3/17	Rio Grande Vill.	Lee Sterrenburg	rare
	2*	3/17	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	3/23	<i>Gambusia</i> pond	Bruce Christman	rare
	1	3/29	<i>Gambusia</i> pond	Bruce Christman	rare
	2	4/1-30	Rio Grande Vill.	Many observers	rare
	2	5/01-31	Rio Grande Vill.	Many observers	rare

* at same nest used in 1999 season. Area near nest closed off on 3/23 to prevent unnecessary intrusion.

	3**	5/26	Rio Grande Vill.	Flippo, Mayton Schreffler, Peña	rare
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** Nestling confirmed. Chick had fallen out of nest approximately 5/24 and was protected by one adult. On 5/27 park staff returned chick to nest. Both adults returned to nest.

White-tailed hawk	1	4/26	Rte 13, MP 3	Nancy Devlin	acc.
Wild turkey	1m	4/22	Santa Elena Cyn.	John Wamsley	rare
	2f	4/24	Cottonwood Camp.	Kathi Hambly	rare
	6f	4/25	Cottonwood Camp.	Mark Flippo	rare
	2-8	4/28-30	Cottonwood Camp.	Many observers	rare
	2	5/07	Cottonwood Camp.	Daniel Burns	rare

Northern bobwhite 1m* 2/??/00 Blue Crk. Pullout Alan Tennant hyp.

*Road kill. Hypothetical on list. Tennant assumed the bird was released in park. During TOS convention 4/26 unconfirmed report of 6-12 N. bobwhite in vicinity of Homer Wilson ranch. Awaiting details. (per Nancy Devlin).

Gambel's quail	3	3/12	Rte 11, MP 4	Kate Trainer	acc.
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Semipalmated Plover 1* 4/27 Santa Elena Xing Glenn Holmes hyp.

* Holmes observed bird "a small ringed-type plover, orange-yellow legs, bill orange tipped black. Basal toe webbing just visible with 22X at 40 yards."

Black-necked stilt	6	3/29	River mile 784.2	Steve McAllister	rare
	1	5/07	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Libby	rare
Barn owl	2	5/07	Maverick Road	Steve Zimmerman	rare
Flammulated owl	2	4/15	Boot Canyon Trail	Jay Letto	rare

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Long-eared Owl	1	3/29	Scree Tinaja	Tom & Betty Alex	rare
Magnificent hum.	1m	4/11	Pinnacles Pass	Rick Taylor	rare
Ruby-throated hummingbird	1m	5/10-12	Chisos Basin	Mark Lockwood	rare
	1m	4/24	Laguna Mdws	R.Hoyer/J.Dunn	rare
	1m	4/27-30	Panther Jctn	Mark Flippo	rare
Costa's Hummingbird	1m*	5/19	Green Gulch	Barbara & John Ribble	acc.
*Review species; report sent to TBRC:Lasley Unconfirmed. 1st round TBRC 6-3, to 2nd round 8/31/01. 2nd round TBRC 7-2. To 3rd round 6/5/02. Accepted by TBRC 6/03 in 3rd round 8-1.					
Green kingfisher	1m	4/02	Hot Springs	AE Morey	rare
	1m	4/29	RGV-Nature Trail	Tom VandenBerg	rare
Greater pewee	1*	5/19	South Rim-Chisos	Ro Wauer	rare
	1*	5/21	RGV-Daniels Rch	Jim Hines Alisa Kline	acc.
*Review species; report to TBRC:Lasley Unconfirmed. (Not accepted 12/4/00 & 8/31/01)					
Eastern phoebe	1	4/13	RGV-group sites	Bernie Heyman	acc.
Dusky-capped flycatcher	2*	4/29	Laguna Mdw trail	Lynn Smith	acc.
	1*	5/05	Laguna Mdw trail	Eric Horvath	acc.
	2*	5/07	Laguna Mdw trail	Richard Webster	acc.
	2*	5/08	Laguna Mdw trail	John Muldrow	acc.
	2*	5/09	Laguna Mdw trail	Nicholas Block	acc.
	1-2*	5/19	Laguna Mdw trail	J.Gee,C.Edwards	acc.
	1*	5/19	Laguna Mdw trail	Ro Wauer	acc.
	1*	5/27	Laguna Mdw trail	Eric Carpenter	acc.
*Review species; reports to TBRC:Lasley. Photos Block, Wauer(?) and Carpenter. Accepted by TBRC: 5/2001					
Brown-crested Flycatcher	2	4/29	Cottonwood Camp	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	5/19	Sam Nail Ranch	Mary Blackmore	rare
Tropical kingbird	1	5/05	Cottonwood camp	John Muldrow	acc.

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Black-capped Vireo	1	5/09	Dugout Wells	J.C. Sutherby	rare
	2m,f	5/20	Juniper Cyn	J&J Weber	rare
White-eyed vireo	1m	5/21	Rte 14/Maple Cyn	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	4/28	Dugout Wells	Martha Shearer	rare
	1	4/28	Dugout Wells	Jon Dunn	rare
Gray vireo	1	3/25	Maple Canyon	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	4/20	Cottonwood Camp.	Dale Ohl	rare
	1	4/21	Lost Mine Trail	Jane Derrick	rare
	1	5/07	Ward Spring	Sarah Bourbon	rare
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	5/03	Sam Nail Ranch	D.& N. Ludlow	acc.
	1	5/03	Sam Nail Ranch	Jim Hines	acc.
	2	5/24	RGV-Daniels Rch	Mark Flippo	acc.
Red-eyed vireo	1	4/27	Boot Canyon	R.Hoyer J.Dunn	rare
	1	5/11	Cottonwood Camp.	Nicholas Block	rare
Blue Jay	1	5/14	RGV-Store	Kelly Bryan	acc.
Chihuahuan raven	1im	4/21	Rio Grande Vill.	P.Abbot,M.Reid	rare
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1m	5/18	Boot Canyon	Mark Flippo	spo.
Brown creeper	1	3/07	Pinnacles Trail	Nicholas Block	spo.
	1	3/10	Pine Canyon	Nicholas block	spo.
	1	4/04	Boot Canyon	Tom VandenBerg	spo.
Carolina wren	1	4/19	Santa Elean Xing	John Ayres	rare
Winter wren	1	5/10	Sam Nail Ranch	Nicholas Block	rare
	1	5/11	Sam Nail Ranch	Greg Lasley	rare
Sedge wren	1	5/14	RGV-Daniels Rch	Robert Quinn	acc.
Golden-crowned kinglet	1m	3/07	Pinnacles Trail	Nicholas Block	spo.
	1f	4/04	Pinnacles Trail	Tom VandenBerg	spo.
Eastern bluebird	1f	3/08	Rio Grande Vill.	Nicholas Block	rare

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Western bluebird	3m,f	3/08	Boot Canyon trail	Nicholas Block	rare
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	4/20	<i>Gambusia</i> Pond	Dale Ohl Carolyn Ohl-Kolb	acc.
	1	5/08	Panther Jctn	Mark Flippo	acc.
Blue-winged Warbler	1m	5/11	RGV-Campground	Rhandy Helton	acc.
Tennessee warb.	1m	5/04	Basin-sewage pond	Alan Macleod	acc.
Lucy's warbler	1m	4/20	Cottonwood Camp.	Dale Ohl Carolyn Ohl-Kolb	loc.
	1f	4/22	Cottonwood Camp.	Richard Webster	loc.
	1f	4/25	Cottonwood Camp.	Mark Flippo	loc.
<i>Parula spp.</i>	1*	5/07	RGV-campground	Ro Wauer John Muldrow	???
*Identification uncertain: Possible hybrid. Tropical X Northern or Crescent-chested. Reports sent to TBRC.					
Tropical parula	1m	5/19	Sam Nail Ranch	Durrell Kapan	acc.
	1m	5/20	Sam Nail Ranch	M&K Blackmore	acc.
	1m	5/20	Sam Nail Ranch	B. Buchanan	acc.
Magnolia warbler	1m	5/12	Sam Nail Ranch	John Wilson	acc.
	1m	5/12	Sam Nail Ranch	Rhandy Helton	acc.
	1m	5/12	Sam Nail Ranch	Robert Quinn	acc.
Black-throated Blue warbler	1m	5/18-21	Panther Junction	Many observers	rare
Black-throated gray warbler	1m	3/29	RGV-campground	Tom VandenBerg	rare
Black-throated green warbler	1m	4/23	RGV-campground	Pat Howell	rare
	1m	4/27	Boot Canyon	R.Hoyer J.Dunn	rare
	1	4/28	Rio Grande Vill.	R. Hoyer J.Dunn	rare

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Hermit warbler	1m	4/20	Boot Spring	M.Reid, P.Abbott	rare
	1m	4/21	Boot Spring	Cathy Yertzley	rare
	1m	4/24	Colima Trail	D&M Rich	rare
	1f	4/27	Boot Spring	R.Hoyer J.Dunn	rare
	1f	4/30	Lost Mine Trail	Brian Gibbons	rare
	1m	5/01	Boot Canyon #4	Brian Gibbons	rare
	1f	5/10	Pine Canyon	Nicholas Block	rare
Yellow-throated Warbler	1m	5/18	Sam Nail Ranch	Susan Heath Robin Diaz	rare
Prothonotary warbler	1m	4/16	Panther Jctn	Mark Flippo	acc.
	1m	4/22	Sam Nail Ranch	Dale Ohl	acc.
Worm-eating Warbler	1	4/24	Dugout Wells	Gary Rosenberg	rare
Ovenbird	1	4/29	Pine Canyon	Ken Stinnet	rare
	1	4/29	Sam Nail Ranch	Mark Flippo	rare
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	4/12	Cattail falls	Casey Harms	rare
Kentucky warbler	1m	5/2	Sam Nail Ranch	Lynn Solomon	acc.
	1m	5/17	Ernst Tinaja	L&J Young	acc.
Hooded warbler	1f	4/28	Dugout Wells	R.Hoyer J.Dunn	rare
	1f	5/11	Sam Nail Ranch	Greg Lasley	rare
	1f	5/17	Sam Nail Ranch	John Boyd	rare
Red-faced warbler	1*	5/02	Pine Canyon	D. & N. Ludlow	acc.
	1*	5/02	Pine Canyon	Tom VanZandt Wendy Kuehn	acc.

***Review species: Report to TBRC:Lasley: Unconfirmed 2nd circulation 5/2001 Accepted 6/20/02.**

Painted redstart	1	3/22	Campground Canyon	R&D Germany	spo.
	1	3/28	Pine Canyon	C&P Newton	spo.
	1	4/06	Boot Spring	Joan Webb	spo.

Rufous-capped
Warbler 1* 5/01 Green Gulch Ro Wauer acc
*Review species: Report to TBRC:Lasley; Unconfirmed Accepted by TBRC 5/2001

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Flame-colored
Tanager 1m* 5/26 Laguna Mdw trail Len Reitsma acc

*Review species: Report to TBRC:Lasley Unconfirmed (not accepted 12/4/00 & 8/31/01)

Field sparrow 1 3/09 Johnson's Ranch Nicholas Block rare

1 4/22 Cottonwood Camp. Carolyn Ohl-Kolb rare

1 5/07 RGV-Campground Mark Flippo rare

Baird's sparrow 1* 4/25 20mi S Marathon M.Flippo R.Wauer
Lily Engles rare

*Review species; Roadkill collected by Engles 20 miles south of Marathon, brought to park for ID. Report to TBRC:Lasley Specimen to park collection. Accepted 2/01 TBRC

1* 5/07 RGV-Group R.Wauer,J.Muldrow rare

*Review species; Reports to TBRC:Lasley. Photos by Muldrow. 2nd circulation 5/2001 Accepted 8/01 & 6/02 TBRC

Yellow-eyed junco 1* 4/18 Santa Elena Cyn Carl McMurtry acc.
*Review species; Report to Lasley: Unconfirmed Not accepted 5/2001

Rose-breasted
Grosbeak 1f 5/03 Sam Nail Ranch Jim Hines rare

1m 5/08 Panther Jtn. Angelina Yost rare

1m 5/12 Chisos Basin Robert Quinn rare

1m 5/13 Sam Nail Ranch Mark Flippo rare

1m 5/13 Sam Nail Ranch Kelly Bryan rare

1m 5/14 Rio Grande Vill. Kelly Bryan rare

1m 5/17 Sam Nail Ranch Ro Wauer rare

1m 5/26 Sam Nail Ranch Len Reitsma rare

1m 5/28 Sam Nail Ranch Joe Cox rare

Lazuli bunting 1m 4/12 Panther Jctn Mark Flippo rare

2m,f 4/26 Chisos Basin VC Cheryl Craigie
John Britt rare

1m 4/27 Cottonwood Camp. Georgina Schwartz rare

	1m	4/28	Dugout Wells	Tom Vandenberg	rare
	1f	4/28	Cottonwood Camp.	Mark Flippo	rare
	1m	4/28	Sam Nail Ranch	Mark Flippo	rare
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Lazuli bunting	2m,f	5/07	RGV-Campground	Mark Flippo	rare
	1f	5/09	RGV-Group sites	Nicholas Block	rare
	1m	5/13	Chisos Basin	Robert Quinn	rare
	1m	5/17	RGV-Store	Rhianon Groom	rare
	1m	5/25	Window Trail	Ilene Grossman	rare
Common grackle	1m	4/21	Dugout Wells	P.Abbott,M.Reid	rare
Hooded oriole	1m	4/10	RGV-Daniels Rch	Mark Flippo	rare
	1imm	4/19	Cottonwood Camp.	P.Abbott,M.Reid	rare
	1m	4/30	Hot Springs	Tom Vandenberg	rare
	1	5/17	Sam Nail Ranch	Ro Wauer	rare

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK
RARE BIRD RECORDS
JUNE - JULY 2000

Attached is a list of observations reported by visitors and staff for the period June 1 - July 31. I've compiled only those observations for species which are listed as **Rare, Accidental, Hypothetical** or **Not included** (?) on the park's checklist. A "?sum" indicates a species which is documented for the park but not in the summer season.

The dry conditions of the past year broke abruptly on June 1 with heavy rainstorms that continued through the month, providing the area with much needed moisture. The spigots turned off however, after July 3, and the remainder of that month was hot and dry. The rain that did fall in June did allow a nice green-up of the desert regions and the oaks in the Chisos Mountains finally began to leaf out after standing bare for nearly the entire year. Year to date precipitation as compared to ytd totals through July 1999 (+ or -) is as follows: Panther Junction; 5.06" (-3.20"), Chisos Basin; 7.35" (-3.86"), Rio Grande Village; 2.54" (-3.51"), Castolon; 2.77" (-4.80"), and Persimmon Gap; 2.78" (-7.68").

The big highlight of the this summer season was the first confirmed Texas nesting record of **Dusky-capped flycatchers**. The pair nested in a cavity in a large madrone along the lower end of the Laguna Meadow Trail. The presence of the flycatchers was well documented from a first report on April 29 (Smith), nest-building on May 9 (Block), feeding young in the nest June 23 (Freeman, Hockey), and fledging on June 27 (Overton). The latest report so far was of two birds in the same location on July 28.

In the Spring season report I noted that the nesting common black-hawks at Rio Grande Village had hatched one nestling, which we subsequently rescued after it fell from the nest around May 24. As of June 1, both adults and the chick were still at the nest. By June 10 visitor reports of the hawks did not mention any observation of the nestling. On July 1 and 2, I watched the nest for several hours each day and did not see any sign of the chick. The adults were in the area, perched in another cottonwood near an older nest used last two years ago. They did not approach the current nest at any time nor exhibit any behavior that would indicate they were still tending young. At this point it appears, unfortunately, the chick did not survive.

At least one pair of Tropical kingbirds nested again at Cottonwood Campground this year, with adults feeding young on July 27. There may be a second nest near site #7 (where a pair did nest in 1999) but I have been unable to confirm this. This is the fifth consecutive year that tropical kingbirds have been present at Cottonwood.

To reiterate information from the Spring season report, Researcher Mark Peck returned this year to perform a two week survey (May 23 - June 5) of Black-capped vireos in the park. He located a total of 15 birds (8 males, 7 females) and 4 nests. Of the four nests, two held brown-headed cowbird eggs, one was apparently abandoned, and the last held four vireo eggs. Peck noted that while cowbird numbers did not seem any higher, they were noted in all survey areas, including those where they have not been previously observed (Pine and Juniper Canyons). We speculated that with the extreme drought conditions, many birds are not nesting and the cowbirds are going farther afield to find nests. In support of this theory, Jan and Will Risser recently reported a blue-gray gnatcatcher feeding a juvenile cowbird near the top of the Pinnacles Trail, an area where I wouldn't expect to find cowbirds.

Continued monitoring of Peregrine falcons revealed 9 active eyries (compared to 6 last year) with 13 known fledglings (as compared to 3 last year). Previously I reported that there was no activity along the southeast rim of the Chisos, but follow-up monitoring revealed a well hidden nest site from which two fledglings were produced.

As an interesting side note, once the rains started in June, hummingbirds virtually vanished from lower elevations throughout the area, a phenomena I haven't noticed before. Lucifers, which are hard to find at any time away from a feeder, were completely absent, and even black-chins were scarce. Presumably they moved to higher elevations to take advantage of the few agaves and other wildflowers that bloomed in the wake of the abundant rainfall. By mid-July however, they returned in droves, joined by migrating rufous hummingbirds beginning July 22.

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Black-crowned Night-heron	2imm	6/07	RGV-Nature Trail	Scott Baron	acc.
Yellow-crowned Night-heron	1imm	7/10	RGV-Nature Trail	V.Emanuel,B.Lyon	rare
Gray hawk	1	6/01	RGV-group sites	Mark Flippo	unc.
Common black-hawk	1	3/17	Rio Grande Vill.	Lee Sterrenburg	rare
	2*	3/17	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	3/23	<i>Gambusia</i> pond	Bruce Christman	rare
	1	3/29	<i>Gambusia</i> pond	Bruce Christman	rare
	2	4/1-30	Rio Grande Vill.	Many observers	rare
	2	5/01-31	Rio Grande Vill.	Many observers	rare
* at same nest used in 1999 season. Area near nest closed off on 3/23 to prevent unnecessary intrusion.					
	3**	5/26	Rio Grande Vill.	Flippo, Mayton Schreffler, Peña	rare
** Nestling confirmed. Chick had fallen out of nest approximately 5/24 and was protected by one adult. On 5/27 park staff returned chick to nest. Both adults returned to nest.					
	3***	6/01	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Flippo	rare
***Both adults and nestling at nest. Adults carrying food.					
	1	6/10	Cottonwood Camp.	Forrest Rowland	rare
	1	6/11	Rio Grande Vill.	Forrest Rowland	rare
	1****	7/01	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Flippo	rare
	2****	7/02	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	7/10	Rio Grande Vill.	V.Emanuel,B.Lyon	rare
	2	7/27	Rio Grande Vill.	Dick Williams	rare
****No activity at current nest. Adults in same area but staying near old nest. Doubtful that nestling still present.					
Wild turkey	1f	6/7-10	Cottonwood Camp.	Scott Baron	acc.
Barn owl	1	6/28	Rte 12, mp5.5	Eric Carpenter	?sum
Magnificent hum.	1f	6/11	Chisos Basin	Forrest Rowland	rare

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Belted kingfisher	1m	7/1-2	RGV-Nature trail	Mark Flippo	rare
Green kingfisher	1f	7/10	RGV-Group sites	Simon Emms	rare
Dusky-capped flycatcher	2*	4/29	Laguna Mdw trail	Lynn Smith	acc.
	1*	5/05	Laguna Mdw trail	Eric Horvath	acc.
	2*	5/07	Laguna Mdw trail	Richard Webster	acc.
	2*	5/08	Laguna Mdw trail	John Muldrow	acc.
	2**	5/09	Laguna Mdw trail	Nicholas Block	acc.
	1-2*	5/19	Laguna Mdw trail	J.Gee,C.Edwards	acc.
	1*	5/19	Laguna Mdw trail	Ro Wauer	acc.
	1*	5/27	Laguna Mdw trail	Eric Carpenter	acc.
	2*	6/03	Laguna Mdw trail	Mark Adams Linda & Dave Hedges	acc.
	2*	6/10	Laguna Mdw trail	Forrest Rowland	acc.
	1*	6/15	Laguna Mdw trail	Rich Damron	acc.
	2***	6/23	Laguna Mdw trail	Brush Freeman Petra Hockey	acc.
	2***	6/24	Laguna Mdw trail	Mark Flippo	acc.
	3****	6/27	Laguna Mdw trail	Mike Overton	acc.
	2-3*	7/01	Laguna Mdw trail	Byron Griffin	acc.
	2*	7/28	Laguna Mdw trail	V.Emanuel,B.Zimer	acc.

*Review species; reports to TBRC:Lasley. Photos Block, Wauer(?) and Carpenter.

** Blocks report nesting material carried to cavity. Photos Block

***Freeman & Hockey report adults bringing insects to nest. Photos Freeman

Flippo reports at least 2 nestlings heard calling from cavity.

****Overton reports 2 fledglings and 1 adult.

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Brown-crested Flycatcher	7	7/10	Rio Grande Vill.	V.Emanuel,B.Lyon	rare
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Tropical kingbird	1	5/05	Cottonwood Camp	John Muldrow	acc.
	2*	6/11	Cottonwood Camp	Forrest Rowland	acc.
	2*	6/16	Cottonwood Camp.	Mark Flippo	acc.
*Rowland reports nesting near site #7. Flippo unable to locate nest but birds definitely defending territory.					
	3**	7/27	Cottonwood Camp.	L.White,L.Black	acc.
**Linda White and Lorie Black report adult feeding two nestlings at nest near group site.					
Black-capped Vireo	5	7/??	Green Gulch mp2.5	Cameron Cox	rare
Gray vireo	2	7/??	Green Gulch mp2.5	Cameron Cox	rare
Carolina wren	2	6/01	RGV-Nature Trail	Mark Flippo	rare
Cedar waxwing	1	6/18-23	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	?sum
Lucy's warbler	1f	6/10	Cottonwood Camp.	Forrest Rowland	loc.
	1m	6/28	Cottonwood Camp.	Mike Overton	loc
Hermit warbler	1imm	7/26	Sam Nail Ranch	Paul Sweet	early migrant
Black&White warb.	1	7/27	Rio Grande Vill.	Dick Williams	early
Painted redstart	1	6/17	Pine Canyon	Simone Jenion	spo.

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AUGUST-NOVEMBER, 2000

Attached is a list of observations reported by visitors and staff for the period August 1 - November 30. I've compiled only those observations for species which are listed as **Rare, Accidental, Hypothetical** or **Not included** (?) on the park's checklist.

The drought conditions of the summer continued into the early portion of the reporting period, then suddenly reversed in October with the arrival of heavy downpours. Rain has continued to fall on through November, including one major snowstorm that dropped almost six inches on Panther Junction and the Chisos Basin on November 7. The tremendous rainfall of the past two months has re-greened the desert and brought an uncharacteristic late bloom of wildflowers. Year to date precipitation as compared to ytd totals through November 1999(+ or -) is as follows: Panther Junction; 13.35" (+3.56"), Chisos Basin; 15.70" (-0.01"), Rio Grande Village; 9.68" (+2.89"), Castolon; 10.00" (-0.35"), and Persimmon Gap; 8.80" (-3.40").

This Fall season basically broke down into two seasons; a warm, dry early fall through August and September, followed by a wet, cool late fall punctuated with the passage of several major cold fronts from late September through November. Highlights of the former included a **least grebe** that was present at the Rio Grande Village nature trail from August 29 through September 20, representing a first fall record for this species in the park. An unusual report was that of two flammulated owls at Dugout Wells on September 2, one of just a very few lower elevation reports for this species in the park. Ruby-throated and Calliope hummingbirds made a good showing in this early season with several reports coming in, and Lucifer hummingbirds lingered well into October (last date 10/14) even after the passage of a major cold front. Ro Wauer found three **dusky-capped flycatchers** at Boot Springs on September 6 (documentation submitted to TBRC). The report raises interesting questions; were these the same dusky-caps that nested earlier along the Laguna Meadow Trail for a first Texas nesting record, or were they another pair that was overlooked, or just post-breeding vagrants?. Wauer also found a **gray-cheeked thrush** on September 9 in Boot Canyon, yet another first fall record for the park. Warbler highlights included two prothonotary warblers (8/29 & 9/1), a Louisiana waterthrush (9/18) and the only report this year of **red-faced warbler** on August 14 from along the Colima trail in the high Chisos. The latter report followed exactly one year to the day from the last red-faced warbler observation in the Chisos.

The second season began with the passage of a cold front through the area on September 20. With the front came an initial influx of Townsend's solitaires, American pipits and pine siskins, followed by a surprising showing of **pinyon jays** in and around the Chisos Mountains from September 29 through October 5. While Big Bend didn't have the showing that the Davis Mountains area did for pinyon jays this fall, the several observations were enough documentation to move pinyon jay from "hypothetical" to the main park checklist. An interesting sidenote was a report from park superintendent Frank Deckert after a visit to the Maderas del Carmen Protected Area in Mexico on September 26. There he saw four **Clark's nutcrackers**, an observation that presaged the later sightings of nutcrackers in the Davis Mountains area. Unfortunately, no reports of this species came from within park boundaries.

The only report of **red crossbills** came from along the Pinnacles Trail on October 3, the same day that Cassin's finches began showing up in the park.

Another first fall record was a double-crested cormorant that was present at the Rio Grande Village nature trail from October 26 to November 1. The snowstorm that hit the park on November 7 brought down an adult snow goose on the main park road (Rte 13). The goose lingered along the road for several days and apparently died from exposure before being relocated on the 10th.

In keeping with the influx of montane species into the Trans-Pecos this late fall, **Lewis's woodpeckers** made brief appearances in the park. One woodpecker was observed behind the Chisos Mountains lodge over a two day period (11/01-02), and a second was reported recently (11/24) down the Window Trail. Attempts to relocate the birds have been unsuccessful. Brian Gibbons, Steve Pike, and Alan Wormington found golden-crowned kinglets on the same day (11/17) at opposite ends of the park, and turned the same trick with two winter wrens. Both species were found down along the river, unusual locations for both, but on that day the higher elevations were locked in a freezing fog, driving birds and birders to lower and warmer locales.

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Least grebe	1	8/29	RGV-nature trail	Mark Flippo	?Fall
	1	9/10	RGV-nature trail	Ro Wauer	?Fall
	1	9/17	RGV-nature trail	Dale Ohl	?Fall
	1	9/20	RGV-nature trail	Mark Flippo	?Fall
American White Pelican	1	11/20	Panther Junction	Dan Muntean, Flippo acc.	
Double-crested Cormorant	1	10/26	RGV-nature trail	Bud&Jane Bliven	?Fall
	1	10/27	RGV-nature trail	Cathy Naylor	?Fall
	1	10/28	RGV-nature trail	Mark Flippo	?Fall
	1	11/01	RGV-nature trail	Storm Sernay	?Fall
Tri-colored heron	1	9/27	Boquillas Cyn.	Peg Abbott	rare
White-faced ibis	1im	9/10	RGV-campground	Mark Flippo	rare
	1im	9/20	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	9/24	Santa Elena Cyn	Patt Simms	rare
Snow goose	1	11/07	Rte 13, mp 12-13	Juanette Willis	rare
	1*	11/10	Rte 13, mp 12	Wendy, Mark Flippo	rare
*Dead. Came down in winter storm. Died from exposure.					
Gray hawk	1	8/07	Cottonwood Camp.	Jan & Will Risser	rare
	2	8/28	Cottonwood Camp.	John Muldrow	rare
	1	9/07	RGV-campground	Mark Flippo	rare
Common black-hawk	1	8/22	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	9/17	RGV-campground	Dale Ohl	rare
Common moorhen	1	11/17	Rio Grande Vill.	Gibbons, Pike Wormington	rare
Laughing gull	3	10/31	Panther Junction	Bill Bourbon	acc.
Flammulated owl	1	8/29	Boot Corral	John Muldrow	rare
	2	9/02	Dugout Wells	J&M Kaye	rare

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Common nighthawk	1	8/29	Rio Grande Vill.	Mark Flippo	rare
Ruby-throated hummingbird	1m	8/01-06	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	rare
	1m	8/29	Pinnacles Trail	John Muldrow	rare
	2m	9/6-13	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	rare
	1m	9/06	Panther Junction	Tom VandenBerg	rare
Anna's Hummingbird	1m	11/08	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	rare
Calliope hummingbird	1m	8/01-06	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	rare
	1f	8/26	Colima Trail	D.Wood,J.Thompson	rare
	1m	9/06	Boot Springs	Ro Wauer	rare
	1m	9/09	Boot Canyon	Ro Wauer	rare
Green kingfisher	1f	8/22	RGV-nature trail	Craig Jackson	rare
	1f	9/07	RGV-nature trail	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	9/10	RGV-nature trail	Ro Wauer	rare
	1	10/26	RGV-nature trail	Bud&Jane Bliven	rare
	1	10/27	RGV-nature trail	Cathy Naylor	rare
	1f	11/02	RGV-nature trail	Jean Preis	rare
	1	11/18	RGV-nature trail	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	rare
Lewis's Woodpecker	1*	11/01	Chisos Basin	Pat Bowen	acc.
	1*	11/01	Chisos Basin	Jean Preis	acc.
	1*	11/02	Chisos Basin	Anna Knipps	acc.
	1*	11/24	Window Trail	Raymond Kutzman	acc.
*Review Species: reports sent to TBRC:Lasley Accepted for 11/01-02 9/5/01 Accepted for 11/24 9/26/01					
Dusky flycatcher	1	11/17	Santa Elena Cyn.	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	acc.
	1	11/18	Rio Grande Vill.	" "	acc.
Great-crested Flycatcher	1	9/07	RGV-Daniels Ranch	Mark Flippo	acc.

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Brown-crested flycatcher	1	8/11	Cottonwood Camp.	Jan & Will Risser	rare
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	3*	9/06	Boot Spring	Ro Wauer	acc.
*Review Species: report sent to TBRC:Lasley					
Tropical kingbird	2	8/07	Cottonwood Camp	Jan & Will Risser	acc.
Eastern kingbird	1	8/23	Boot Canyon	Gloria Saylor	rare
White-eyed vireo	1	9/07	RGV-campground	Mark Flippo	rare
Black-capped Vireo	2	9/08	Window Trail	Ro Wauer	rare
	2m,f	9/14	Window Trail	D.Beall,P.Conley	rare
Gray vireo	1	8/09	Blue Creek Cyn	Jan & Will Risser	rare
	1	10/26	K-Bar	Murray Berner	rare
	1	11/23	Hannold Draw	Mark Flippo	rare
Western Scrub-jay	1	10/18	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	rare
Pinyon jay	15*	9/29	Chisos Basin	Mark Flippo	?Fall
	7*	9/30	Ross Maxwell Dr.	Bill Sain	?Fall
	50*	10/04	Chisos Basin	Janie Mayton	?Fall
	??	10/05	Lost Mine Trail	Flippo/VandenBerg	?Fall
*Hypothetical on park checklist.					
Clark's Nutcracker	4*	9/26	Maderas del Carmen	Frank Deckert	acc.
*Review Species: Observed in Maderas del Carmen, Mexico above 9,000' elevation. Report to TBRC:Lasley.					
Tree swallow	1	8/10	Paint Gap	Jan & Will Risser	rare
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	10/05	Lost Mine Trail	Tom VandenBerg	spo.
	1	10/25	RGV-campground	Cathy Naylor	spo.
	1	11/18	Rio Grande Vill.	Gibbons,Pike, Wormington	spo.
Carolina wren	1	8/29	RGV-Nature Trail	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	9/10	RGV-Nature Trail	Mark Flippo	rare

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Winter wren	1	11/17	Rio Grande Vill.	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	rare
	1	11/17	Santa Elena Cyn.	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	rare
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	11/17	Rio Grande Vill.	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	spo.
	1	11/17	Santa Elena Cyn.	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	spo.
Mountain Bluebird	40	11/12	Dugout Wells	Marey Brazaitis	spo.
	15	11/14	Dugout Wells	Tom VandenBerg	spo.
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	9/09	Boot Canyon	Ro Wauer	?Fall
Gray catbird	1	8/25	Sam Nail Ranch	Mark Flippo	rare
	1	11/01	RGV-nature trail	Storm Sernay	rare
	1	11/25	Window Trail	Mark Flippo	rare
Sage thrasher	1	9/28	Maverick Road	Donald Rilely	spo.
	1	10/27	K-Bar	Murray Berner	spo.
European starling	1	8/07	Cottonwood Camp.	Jan & Will Risser	rare
Northern parula	2	11/17	Santa Elena Cyn.	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	rare
Nashville warbler	1	11/17	Santa Elena Cyn.	" "	late
Hermit warbler	1im	9/01	Lost Mine Trail	Ro Wauer	rare
	3	9/10	South Rim	Mark Adams	rare
Prothonotary warbler	1	8/29	RGV_Nature Trail	Mark Flippo	acc.
	1	9/01	Panther Junction	Tom VandenBerg	acc.
Northern waterthrush	1	8/23	Boot Springs	Chuck Manno	rare
	1	9/01	Basin Oxid. Ponds	Ro Wauer	rare
	1	9/01	Rio Grande Vill.	Ro Wauer	rare
	1	9/10	RGV-campground	Mark Flippo	rare
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	9/18	RGV-nature trail	Dale Ohl	acc.

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Red-faced warbler	1*	8/14	Colima Trail	M&G Brazaitis	spo.
* Unconfirmed. Review species: Report submitted to TBRC:Lasley.					
Wilson's warbler	1	11/18	Rio Grande Vill.	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	late
Field sparrow	1	9/22	Sam Nail Ranch	Donald Riley	rare
	2	11/18	Rio Grande Vill.	Gibbons,Pike Wormington	rare
Fox sparrow	1	11/18	Rio Grande Vill.	" "	?Fall
Common grackle	1	11/18	Rio Grande Vill.	" "	acc.
Cassin's finch	4f	10/03	Chisos Basin	Mark Flippo	spo.
	1f	10/14	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	spo.
	2m	11/16	Panther Junction	Tom Vandenberg	spo.
	4mf	11/27	Panther Junction	Mark Flippo	spo.
Red Crossbill	2m,f	10/03	Pinnacles Trail	Linda Hedges	spo.